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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LABOR TRAINING

REF: LISBON 5483

SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER'S LABOR ADVISOR REQUESTS TRAINING IN UNION MANAGEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR FOUR LEADERS OF NORTHERN MINE WORKERS FEDERATION. EMBASSY ENDORSES THIS REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER'S LABOR ADVISOR, PELAGIO MADUEIRA, REQUESTED EMBASSY/AID ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING FOR THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER OF THE NORTHERN MINE WORKERS FEDERATION, AND A SECRETARIAT MEMBER OF SOUTHERN OFFICE WORKERS FEDERATION IN MANAGEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TECHNIQUES. REQUEST IS FIRST MADE BY MADUEIRA FOR TRAINING OF PORTUGUESE UNION LEADERS IN U.S. (REFTEL). AS DEPARTMENT/AID AWARE, MADUEIRA ALSO HEADS CENTER FOR TRADE UNION STUDIES (CES), TRADE UNION TRAINING CENTER.

2. NORTHERN MINE WORKERS FEDERATION INCLUDES 4,300 UNDERGROUND MINERS, INCLUDING 1200 COAL MINERS, 1500 WOLFRAM MINERS, 300 URANIUM MINERS, 1000 PYRITE MINERS.
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FEDERATION ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL HUNDRED OPEN PIT IRON MINERS, AND MARBLE AND QUARTZ QUARRY WORKERS. FEDERATION LEADERSHIP EXPECTS TO FACE STIFF CHALLENGE FROM COMMUNIST ENDORSED LIST IN DECEMBER ELECTIONS.

3. CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING: CANDIDATES INCLUDE:
-- MARTINHO FRANCISCO PEREIRA, 63 YEARS OLD,

PRESIDENT OF MINE WORKERS FEDERATION. PEREIRA HAS DELIVERED STRONG LEADERSHIP DURING PAST TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS.

-- FRANCISCO MANUEL COSTA DIAS DA SILVA, 29 YEARS OLD, SECRETARIAT MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN OFFICE WORKERS FEDERATION. DA SILVA IS PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO PEREIRA ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND UNION MANAGEMENT. DA SILVA HAS HIGH POTENTIAL.

-- CONSTANTINO NUNES DA SILVA, SECRETARY OF THE MINE WORKERS FEDERATION, 47 YEARS OLD, AND ALBERTO FERREIRA DOS SANTOS, TREASURER OF FEDERATION, 27 YEARS OLD, ARE IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP SUPPORTING PEREIRA. ALL THREE FROM MINERS FEDERATION ARE COAL MINERS. FULL BIO DATA SUBMITTED SEPARATELY. POST CLEARANCE GRANTED.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT/AID CONSIDERATION FOR PROGRAMMING THESE FOUR PARTICIPANTS FOR THIRTY-DAY PERIOD WITHIN A U.S. MINE WORKERS LOCAL. INTERPRETER SERVICE WOULD BE REQUIRED. PROGRAMMING IN OCTOBER OR EARLIER WOULD BE IDEAL AS IT WOULD GIVE PARTICIPANTS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE LEARNED IN U.S. PRIOR TO DECEMBER ELECTIONS.
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